

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows.

On page 1, before line 10, insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/936,645 filed on  
September 14, 2001—

On page 15, before line 1, please add --What is claimed is--

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please replace the title as follows:

--Message Authentication Device--